कि वे सब मर गये । अगर सांप को रखना है । तो फिर उनको नए ढंग से पुनर्जन्म देने के लिए क्या कोई इंतजाम आपके पास है?

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री , विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री तथा महासागर विकास मंत्री (डा. मुरली मनोहर जोशी) : वे तो अब मनुष्य बन गए हैं । ....(व्यवधान)...

श्री सभापति : साथ में यह भी देख लीजिए कि बिहार में मरे हुए सांपों में से कितने सांप मनुष्य के रूप में परिवर्तित हुए ?

डा. मुरली मनोहर जोशी : उनमें से कोई सदन में न आ जाए, इतना मैं आपसे निवेदन करता हूं ।

श्री बालकवि बैरागी : सभापति महोदय...

श्री सभापति : आपकी कविता हम बाद में सुनेंगे।

श्री बालकवि बैरागी : मैं केवल इतना कहना चाहता हूं कि आपकी अध्यक्षता में यह ऐतिहासिक प्रश्न है । लालू का प्रश्न है और बालू का उत्तर है। आज क्या होने वाला है , यह देखने वाली बात है ।

SHRI T.R. BAALU: Sir, I am a rationalist and I don't have any belief in re-birth. But, in this birth, my close association with Shri Laloo Yadav will have a history behind it.

*248. *[The questioner (Shri Gaya Singh) was absent. For answer vide page* 42 *infra.]*

*249. *[The questioner (Shri Vijay J. Darda) was absent. For answer vide page* 42-43 *infra.]*

Forest area in Jammu and Kashmir

*250. SHRI T.S. BAJWA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the area under forest in Jammu and Kashmir in 1950 and at present;

(b) whether the area under forest has declined; and

(c) if so, the steps taken to increase the area under forest in the State?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) to (c) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

(a) The recorded forest area in State of Jammu and Kashmir in 1950 and at present is 20800 Sq. Km. and 20230 Sq. Km. respectively.

(b) Yes, Sir. The area under forest has declined slightly between the year 1950 and 2001 by 2.75% of 1950 level.

(c) Following are the steps taken for conservation and to increase the area under forest in various States including Jammu and Kashmir:

(i) Afforestation programmes are undertaken by State Governments/UT Administrations from their own resources as well as with financial assistance from Government of India.

(ii) Joint Forest Management Committees have been set up in States/ UTs involving village communities in protection and regeneration of degraded forests.

(iii) A network of protected area has been established.

(iv) Ministry of Environment and Forests has prepared a National Forestry Action Programme for conservation and development of forests.

श्री टी.एस. बाजवा : महोदय, मंत्री जी ने सवाल के उत्तर में कहा है कि जम्मू-कश्मीर में जंगलों मे मामूली सी गिरावट आयी है। मैं मंत्री जी का ध्यान जम्मू कश्मीर की तरफ दिलाना चाहता हूं कि चाहे वह डोडा का इलाका हो, चाहे पुछ राजौरी का हो जम्मू का इलाका हो । महोदय देखने मे वह जंगल बहुत कम दिखाई देते हैं। इसके लिए माननीय मंत्री जी ने बताया है , कि सुरक्षा क्षेत्र का एक नेटवर्क स्थापित किया गया है । मैं मंत्री महोदय से जानना चाहता हूं कि वहां कौन से क्षेत्र का नेटवर्क बनाया गया है।

SHRI T.R. BAALU: Sir, as far as the State of Kashmir is concerned, there are 20 protected areas, four national parks and 16 sanctuaries. Kashmir has got a separate Forest Act, which has been enacted in 1992. As far as forests are concerned, the Forest conservation Act of 1980 of the Union Government does not hold good so far as Kashmir is concerned. In 1950, the forest cover was 20,800 square kilometres and by 2001, it has been reduced to 20,230 square kilometres. There is a definite depletion of 570 square kilometres. It is because of the diversion of forest to development activities and because of agricultural development. That is why, the forests have depleted in the State of Kashmir.

DR. FAROOQ ABDULLAH: Mr. Chairman, Sir, I would like to ask the hon. Minister whether it is a fact that the forest depletion in Jammu and Kashmir is far more that the figures that you have mentioned just now here. Also, is the Minister informed that the Norwegian Government has made a pilot project for the State to regenerate the forests? Is there any possibility that the Government of India could join with the Norwegian Government in a major pilot project to get the forest cover restored? The entire Shivalik hills in Jammu are denuded. Unless something is done immediately, we may be witness to the tragedy of our forest wealth being deplated completely. Maybe, one day we will see, in our life time, Kashmir going the Rajasthan way and becoming a desert. Is there any plan with the Ministry for the regeneration of the forests?

SHRI T.R. BAALU: Sir, definitely, along with the rest of India, Kashmir will get its share. As far as forests are concerned, in the Ninth Plan, we have allocated Rs. 40.46 crores, out of which the Kashmir Government has utilised only Rs. 29.49 crores. In 2002-2003, Rs. 11.78 crores have been allocated and Rs. 10.54 crores have been spent. We are ready to cooperate with the State Government in any of the schemes to see to it that its forest cover increases.

DR. KARAN SINGH: Sir, I would like to reiterate what my friend and colleague Dr. Farooq Abdullah has said. The figures that you have given of a decrease of only 570 square kilometres are certainly not accurate. I can tell you from my personal experience that whole forests have disappeared over the last 50 years and it is essential that the special topography of Jammu and Kashmir should be kept in mind. Will the hon. Minister tell us whether he will set up a group of forestry and agricultural scientists, who will study the geographical situation in Ladakh, in the Kashmir valley and in the Jammu region because they are all different regions, and come up with a plan. Do not just leave it with the other States. Will you take a special interest in the development of forestry in Jammu and Kashmir, without which the whole State is going to fall into a very negative syndrome?

SHRI T.R. BAALU: Sir, it is a good suggestion. Whatever proposals the Government of Jammu and Kashmir sends, the Government of India will definitely consider.

वनों के लिए निधियां

*251. **प्रो.एम.एस. अग्रवाल :** क्या पर्यावरण और वन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि **:**

(क) सरकार द्वारा गत तीन वर्षो के दौरान देश में वनों के विकास के लिए खर्च की गई निधियों का राज्यवार ब्यौरा क्या है,

(ख) देश में वनों के विकास का लक्ष्य किस सीमा तक प्राप्त कर लिया गया है,

(ग) चालू वित्तीय वर्ष के दौरान इस कार्य के लिए राज्यवार कितनी निधियां आबंटित की गई हैं,

पर्यावरण और वन मंत्री (श्री टी.आर. बालू) : (क) से (ग) एक विवरण सभा पटल पर रखा गया है।

विवरण

(क) पिछले तीन वर्षो के दौरान विभिन्न केन्द्रीय प्रायोजित/केन्द्रीय क्षेत्र की स्कीमों के अंतर्गत देश में वनीकरण और वन्यजीवों के सरंक्षण हेतु वनों का विकास करने के लिए सरकार द्वारा उपयोग की गई निधियों का राज्यवार ब्यौरा विवरण -1 में दिया गया है । (नीचे देखिए)

(ख) भारतीय वन सर्वेक्षण की वन स्थिति रिपोर्ट, 1999 के अनुसार देश का वन क्षेत्र कुल भौगोलिक क्षेत्र का 19.39 प्रतिशत है । उपर्युक्त रिपोर्ट के अनुसार, वर्ष 1997 की पिछली रिपोर्ट के मुकाबले वन क्षेत्र में 3896 वर्ग किमी. की शुद्ध वृद्धि हुई है।

(ग)चालू वित्तीय वर्ष के दौरान विभिन्न केन्द्रीय प्रायोजित/केन्द्रीय क्षेत्र की योजनाओं के अंतर्गत वनीकरण और वन्यजीव संरक्षण के लिए आबंटित निधियों का राज्यवार ब्यौरा विवरण - II में दिया गया है।